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## **MSHDA'S RURAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS BRINGING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING TO RURAL MICHIGAN**

Though Michigan, in many respects, is a rural state with many smaller communities, MSHDA's rental programs focused for many years on the more populated areas of the state, leaving the smaller markets to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development office. That program has experienced several cut backs in recent years, and in response MSHDA developed the HOME Team Advantage program in partnership with USDA-Rural Development to again bring affordable rental housing to rural Michigan communities. The program blends tax-exempt bond financing with an interest rate that has been reduced to 4.5 percent and an extended 35-year amortization. MSHDA's partnership with USDA-Rural Development office stretches the dwindling federal funds by matching the Section 515 loans with HOME funds, effectively doubling the production capacity of the Michigan USDA office. In less than three years since the first loan closed, MSHDA has committed or closed on 816 units of new housing in 22 developments throughout the state. Of these, 299 units are for elderly occupancy, and 517 apartments are for families. Of the 816 total units, nearly one-third are rent-restricted and available to families with incomes below 30 percent of area median income or have Rental Assistance available. For further information, contact MSHDA's Multifamily Division at (517) 373-6880.

## **MEDIA FLASHES**

### **FREE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN –**

This year in Michigan, 6,800 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 1,400 will die from the disease. The Department of Community Health is urging help in recruiting and referring low-income women who qualify to have screenings under the Breast Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). Since 1991, over 1.5 million women have been helped by the national initiative. For further information, call your local health department or 800-922-MAMM.

**Just a reminder** – We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state of Michigan is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

**Homeless Awareness Week Scheduled for 2001** – MSHDA is again spearheading Homeless Awareness week scheduled for November 11-17, 2001. In conjunction with the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, homeless providers and nonprofit organizations throughout the state are planning a variety of activities to raise awareness for homelessness based on the theme "You Hold The Key To Ending Homelessness." More information will be available in the coming months, however, members of the media may want to contact homeless shelters in their respective coverage areas now to help plan awareness-raising events.

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**New Address for MSHDA's Lansing Office** – Effective September 1, MSHDA's new address is 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912. The post office box will remain P O. Box 30044, and if included in the address, the zip code is 48909. Telephone numbers will remain the same, however, some FAX #s will change.

**MSHDA GRANTS**

<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Local Contact Telephone #</u></b>
Dawn Farm/Homeless Development Grant/ Ann Arbor	\$ 55,500	(734) 485-8725
Detroit Rescue Mission/Homeless Development	\$ 97,200	(313) 993-4700 ext. 4713
Livingston Area Council Against Spouse Abuse/ Homeless Development/Howell	\$100,000	(517) 548-1350
Bethany Housing Ministries/Homeless Homeless Development/Muskegon	\$ 55,500	(231) 728-3117
Domestic Assault Shelter Coalition/Critical Needs Three Rivers	\$ 10,000	(616) 279-5122
West Detroit Inter-Faith Community Organization/ HOME/Detroit	\$300,000	(313) 838-3194
Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance/HOME/ Housing Resource Fund (HRF)	\$1,126,600	(313) 869-1314
Great Lakes Community Nonprofit Housing Corporation/HOME/Fowlerville	\$248,000	(517) 223-8695
Lake County/CDBG/Baldwin	\$225,000	(231) 745-6231
Kalamazoo County Human Services/CDBG	\$300,000	(616) 373-5275
Lapeer County/CDBG	\$300,000	(810) 245-4994
City of Menominee/CDBG	\$365,800	(906) 863-2656
St. Clair County/CDBG	\$300,000	(810) 989-6950
Ingham County/CDBG/Okemos	\$300,000	(517) 349-1643
City of Three Rivers/CDBG	\$243,900	(616) 273-1075
City of Hancock/CDBG	\$396,300	(906) 482-1121
Alger County/CDBG/Munising	\$225,000	(906) 387-2076

**MSHDA'S AUGUST SINGLE FAMILY AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION**

	<b><u>Number of Housing Units</u></b>	<b><u>Dollar Amount</u></b>
Single Family (SF)	115	\$7,943,795
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	125	\$9,115,008
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	37	\$ 439,363

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